

File No. 592

(Reprint of File No. 231)

Substitute House Bill No. 5590
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 24, 1998

AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR
ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of
Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) On or before January 1, 1999, the
2 Commissioner of Transportation shall establish
3 alternative design standards for bridges,
4 principal and minor arterial roads, collector
5 roads and local roads and streets.
6 (b) In establishing the standards required
7 under subsection (a) of this section, the
8 commissioner shall solicit and consider the views
9 of chief elected officials and organizations,
10 including, but not limited to, the Connecticut
11 Trust for Historic Preservation, regional councils
12 of governments, the Connecticut Council on the
13 Arts, the Federal Highway Administration and the
14 Rural Development Council.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5590

STATE IMPACT None, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT Potential Costs, see explanation below

STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Transportation

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Since the Commissioner of Transportation is in the process of updating the alternative design standards stated in the bill, it is anticipated that its passage would have no fiscal impact.

House "A" has a potential cost impact on municipalities since the Department of Transportation will not be prohibited from approving municipal requests for variances for state roads and street design standards even if the municipality's standards exceed those of the state.

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OLR AMENDED BILL ANALYSIS

SHB 5590 (as amended by House "A") *

AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES

SUMMARY: This bill requires the transportation commissioner to establish alternative design standards for bridges, principal and minor arterial roads, collector roads, and local roads and streets by January

1, 1999. In establishing these standards, he must solicit and consider the views of chief elected officials and organizations, including the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, regional councils of government, the Connecticut Council on the Arts, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Rural Development Council.

*House Amendment "A" eliminates a provision in the original bill barring the Department of Transportation from approving municipal requests for variances from state roads and street design standards if the municipality's standards exceed those of the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

BACKGROUND

Legislative History

The House referred the bill to the Transportation Committee on April 8. On April 16, that committee favorably reported the bill back to the House without changes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 19 Nay 0

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 20 Nay 0